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URGENT – VIA HAND DELIVERY

Irvin B. Nathan
Attorney General of the District of Columbia
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Dear Attorney General Nathan:

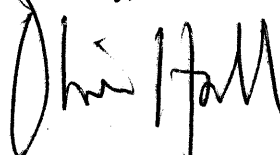
I represent the District of Columbia Library Renaissance Project (“DCLRP”) in a matter currently pending before the District of Columbia Court of Appeals, in which DCLRP is challenging the approval of a Planned Unit Development that would result in the conveyance of three parcels of publicly-owned property to a private developer, EastBanc-WDC Partners, LLC (“EastBanc”). See *DCLRP v. D.C. Zoning Comm’n*, No. 12-AA-1183.

I am writing to notify your office that on March 21, 2013, DCLRP was contacted by an individual claiming to have information indicating that the Office of the Mayor is, or soon will be, in the process of shredding a large number of documents without maintaining any record thereof. The individual contacted DCLRP because the Office of the Deputy Mayor for Planning and Economic Development recently denied our Freedom of Information Act (“FOIA”) request for documents relating to our pending litigation. On March 20, 2013, DCLRP appealed the denial of that request to the Office of the Mayor, and the appeal is currently pending.

DCLRP has no information regarding the nature or content of the documents in question – whether they relate to our FOIA request or any other matter that may be under investigation – nor what prompted their alleged destruction. Nonetheless, we believe it is proper to notify your office, so that steps may be taken to ensure no documents are destroyed in violation of the law.

Thank you for your attention to this matter. Please contact me if I can provide further information.

Sincerely,



Oliver B. Hall

cc: Ronald C. Machen